

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

6 Councilor Mike Harris

7 Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RESTART THE SANTA FE TRAFFIC**
12 **OPERATIONS PROGRAM (STOP) PERMITTED BY SECTION 24-4 SFCC 1987.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, the governing body authorized the implementation of the Santa Fe
15 Traffic Operations Program (STOP) to deter vehicle drivers who exceeded the posted speed limit;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, that governing body found that the high fatality and serious injury rate
18 resulted, in part, from speed limit violations; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the STOP program was in effect between 2008 and 2013, at which point it
20 was terminated by the governing body, though the authorizing ordinance remains as Section 24-4
21 SFCC 1987; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the STOP program is to promote safety on our streets by
23 targeting areas shown to be areas of concern, or are subject to reports of speeding and high traffic
24 incidents; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the program allows officers the ability to be utilized in other crimes around

1 the city, including burglaries, crashes, fatalities, and other incidents that might otherwise suffer a
2 delayed response time; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the camera speed device (CSD) that autonomously monitors vehicle speed
4 can continually issue citations, whereas an officer requires 15-20 minutes to issue a single
5 citation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, CSDs were frequently deployed in school zones at the request of Santa Fe
7 Public Schools to monitor vehicle speed through active school zones in an effort to safeguard
8 schoolchildren; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the STOP program is to increase driver awareness and attitude
10 towards speeding, and help them understand how they can keep themselves and other people safe
11 by obeying the posted speed limit; and

12 **WHEREAS**, certain legal and technical restrictions limit the location that the CSDs can
13 be placed, including that it must be a city-owned street, and have a minimum of 100 feet of
14 straight roadway; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2014 2569 crashes were reported, in 2015 2704 crashes were reported,
16 and in 2016, 3004 crashes were reported, showing a linear uptick in vehicle crashes since the
17 STOP program was terminated in 2013; and

18 **WHEREAS**, police responded to 7 fatal and great bodily harm crashes in 2014 and 2015,
19 and 12 in 2016; and

20 **WHEREAS**, police have seen a 42% increase in traffic complaints and requests for
21 monitoring between 2014 and 2016; and

22 **WHEREAS**, STOP proved to be a beneficial program for residents of the city of Santa
23 Fe by promoting safety and speed awareness to drivers, thus preventing fatal accidents that
24 devastate our community; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in addition to speed violations, CSDs have provided useful data in

1 identifying locations of unusual activity, determining what type of enforcement is needed in
2 specific locations, and have captured criminal activity suspects as they speed away from the scene
3 of an incident; and

4 **WHEREAS**, revenue generated from the program supports the salary and benefits of
5 those operating the program, as well as new and/or specialized equipment that permits officers to
6 improve enforcement efforts and provide better services to the community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, when in effect, the STOP program altered the way people drive in the
8 community because the CSDs serve as a deterrent to reckless driving; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the welfare of the community is the mandate of the Santa Fe Police
10 Department, and restarting the STOP program will ensure that the city is addressing residents'
11 safety concerns.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the city manager is directed to restart the Santa Fe Traffic Operations
14 Program (STOP) as authorized by Section 24-4 SFCC 1987.

15 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

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18 ATTEST:

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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21 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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